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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1842

INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: MILITARY COMMUNIQUE NO. 5/73

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1. PRESS MARCH 18 REPORTS COMMUNICATION NO. 5/73 OF ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND IN MOZAMBIQUE STATING: A. ONE AIR FORCE JET FIGHTER/ BOMBER EXPLODED IN AIR, BY ACCIDENT, DURING EXECUTION OF OPERATIONAL MISSION IN TETE DISTRICT ON MARCH 15. PILOT WAS KILLED. B. ONE AIR FORCE LIGHT PLANE, ON RECON- NAISSANCE MISSION IN NIASSA DISTRICT WAS HIT BY ENEMY GUN FIRE ON MARCH 16. PLANE WAS DESTROYED DURING FORCED LANDING WHICH RESULTED, BUT CREW WAS UNHURT.

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WM COMMENT: TWO PLANES LOST IN TWO DAYS IS UNUSUALLY HEAVY ATTRITION FOR SMALL PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE. AS YET NO INFO

WHETHER MERE COINCIDENCE OR WHETHER NEWER, MORE POWERFUL
FREIMO ANTI- AIRCRAFT WEAPONS ARE INVOLVED. IF SUCH LOSS
RATE SHOULD CONTINUE, PORTUGUESE MIGHT FACE DIFFICULTIES
REPLACING AIRCRAFT AND KEEPING AIR FORCE AT EFFECTIVE OPERA-
TING LEVEL.
VAN OSS

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